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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: No prior art has been found or presented that either teaches or fairly suggests the method of encapsulating a sensitive material comprising plating a sensitive material onto a solid carrier, in an inert atmosphere, to form a plated material and subsequently encapsulating the plated material by spraying a melted encapsulant onto the plated material. Further, no prior art has been found or presented that either teaches or fairly suggests the method of encapsulating a sensitive material comprising introducing a sensitive material into an encapsulation vessel, wherein the atmosphere in the encapsulation vessel is inert to the sensitive material, and subsequently encapsulating the plated material by spraying a melted encapsulant onto the sensitive material. Since there are no other outstanding issues with regard to the clarity or enablement of the claims, these claims are deemed to contain allowable subject matter.

A supplemental oath is not required for the amendment of May 25, 2007 because the errors being corrected in this amendment are clerical in nature. See MPEP 1414.01.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nathan M. Nutter whose telephone number is 571-272-1076. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 571-272-1078. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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